

Spotlight on Marion County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the northeast area of the state
- Surrounded by Dillon, Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, and Florence counties
- This climatic region had an average temperature of 63.4 degrees and experienced 47.53 inches of precipitation

Population

- 35,086 in 2004
- 41.7% white and 58.3% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.1 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 36,190 by 2015

Labor Force

- Increased from 14,029 in 2003 to 14,467 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 13.0% in 2003 to 13.6% in 2004

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 12,496 in 2004, compared to 11,614 in 2003

Per Capita Income

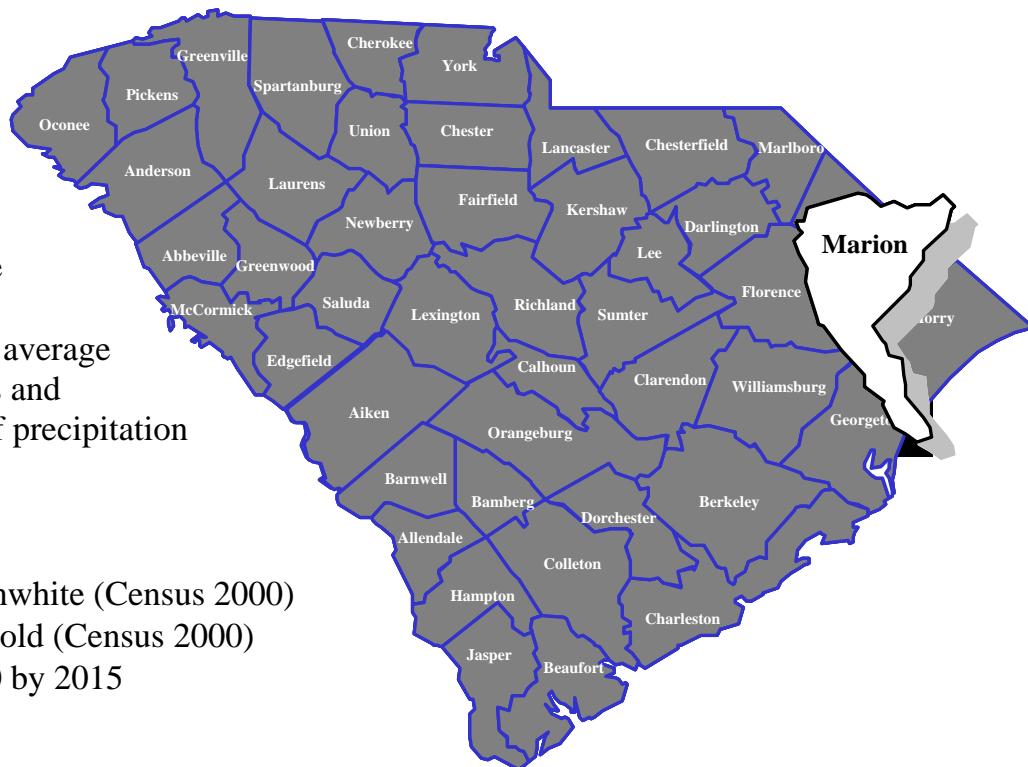
- Per capita income for the County was \$20,048 in 2003
- It was 77% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Marion local office, serving Dillon and Marion counties, paid \$7,734,660 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

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